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E DIVISION "Freedom Convoy Protest" GSB Command
(Day End, 2022-02-19)
ISSUE:
On Saturday, February 13th, 2022, the "Freedom Convoy Protests" occurred in multiple areas of British Columbia, and continue to this day (2022-02-19)
BACKGROUND:
The Government of Canada announced a federal mandate for truckers crossing the border to be vaccinated by 15 January 2022. This led to the so-called Freedom Convoy 2022 protest being organised largely through social media. Various convoys started across Canada on 22 January with the goal of arriving in Ottawa over the weekend of 28 and 29 January.
A convoy of Canadian truck drivers and their supporters traveled from various cities to Ottawa to protest the federal vaccine mandates for truck drivers, as well as Covid 19 mandated restrictions in general, starting on January 28/29 and continued uninterrupted to present.
While the organisers have declared that this is an act of peaceful protest, some ideologically motivated fringe elements have seized upon these rallies to advocate for their own ideological objectives. Extremists and other individuals supporting COVID19 conspiracy theories and violent anti-authority/anti-government views have expressed intent to participate in these convoy protests.
Here have been a number of Anti-Mandate Protests in British Columbia in support of the Ottawa protesters. These have expanded to BC centric Anti-Mandate Protests throughout the province but focused on Victoria, Vancouver, Kelowna, Osoyoos and Surrey border crossings and Ft. St. John. It is expected that these protests will continue. into the near future, based on messaging from organisers and participants online.
CURRENT STATUS:
LMD:
· Surrey – 176th St & 8th Ave
o Convoy left Chilliwack around 1000hrs and picked up followers in Abbotsford and Langley. 200+ vehicles arrived at the above location aby

1230hrs
o PG Convoy arrived at 176th by 0830hrs and parked on the side of the road. They had no plans to unite with other protest groups.
o Small group left the area and headed back to Chilliwack around 1400hrs due to fear of the Emergencies act
o The highway and border crossing open by 1930 hours.
· Tsawassen Ferry Terminal and Delta Port
o One group broke off of the Chilliwack convoy and did a loop of the Delta port and the Tsawassen ferry terminal, before heading back to join the main group at 176th & 8th.
o No disruption. No further action.
· Vancouver
o Freedom Rally vehicle Convoy driving in the downtown core as well as group of people from the same group protesting in front of the Vancouver Art Gallery.
o Unrelated Vehicle rally of 60 trucks that went to the Indian Consulate in downtown Vancouver in support of farmers rights in India.
· Maple Ridge
o Ridge Meadows RCMP monitored a small and passive protest at 200th and Lougheed Hwy. The protesters numbered approx 10-15 people. They did not disrupt traffic, or pedestrians. The Protest placards indicate a protest of freedom.
· Coquitlam
o Group of Protestors lead by Personal Info. attended Personal Personal house in Port Coquitlam. Broadcasted live on Facebook. All vehicles left by 1600hrs.
ID:
· Campbell River to Victoria
o Convoy travelled through Parksville, Nanaimo, Duncan and into Victoria. Started with approximately 100 vehicle and grew to over 300 by the time it arrived in Victoria. By 1315hrs, over 600 people had gathered in front of the BC Legislature. Protestors had a crane and erected a large Canadian flag.
o Counter protestors also at the Legislature across the intersection from the Convoy protest, both factions were yelling at each other.
· Powell River
o 82 vehicles involved, weekly convoy, no plans to affect ferry traffic, plans for BBQ outside MLA office. Event concluded with no issues.
· Nanaimo
o Small peaceful protest on the sidewalk of the Bastion Bridge, in support of slow roll convoy. Convoy interfered with day to day operations of the city and affected RCMP response times as it traveled through town centre.
SED:
· Osoyoos
o Convoy departed Vernon with 80+ vehicles. 500-600 vehicles arrived at border. Stage brought in for speeches and placed in the broker's lot. Cars parked along the highway and in a farmer's field. Traffic not impeded. All protesters left the site by 1830 hours.
· Vernon
o Hwy 97 & 25th Ave – Dump truck stopped in the middle of the road beside the weekly anti-vax/mask protest site. Driver indicated he could not move vehicle due to mechanical issue. Due to signs on truck, driver BTB part of the local protest. Truck moved safely off the highway where driver indicated he could fix the issue. Decision made to not arrest at the time due to large amount of protestors. Crowd dispersed by 1600hrs.

· Kingsgate – Border open
o 40-50 people at the border. Camping over the weekend.
· Paterson – Border open, Traffic cautiously flowing in both directions
o As of 1600hrs, 25 vehicles and 50 people remain. Several tents, cooking areas, a band, and families are on site.
o 10 vehicles on the US side in support were there during the day. Departed as of 1600hrs.
ND:
· Prince Rupert
o On 2022-02-16 Facebook group reported that a BC convoy to Ottawa departing from Prince Rupert on 2022-02-21 @0700hrs arriving Prince George at 1800hrs. Facebook and Twitter pages regarding this convoy no longer exist. Either the convoy is cancelled or they moved to a private chat room.
Events to consider for tomorrow:
1. Surrey - Continued presence at 176th & 8th
2. SED - Continued Presence at SED POE's
3. Vancouver - Canadian Armed Forces veteran James TOPP is marching on foot from Terry Fox statue in Vancouver to the Unknown Soldier in Ottawa. Leaving 2022-09-20 @ 0900hrs
4. Kelowna – Pro-Science Rally 2022-02-20 @1100hrs
5. Penticton – Ongoing Protest Sunday Mornings
STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS:
· Enforcement action in Ottawa has commenced. To date this has not instigated significant protest activities in "E" Division.
MEMBER WELLNESS:
· S/S/M and NPF are engaged, as well as OIC Employee Relations
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